IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims which are pending in the present application:

- 1. (Previously presented) A method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition comprising processed ginseng extract, as an active ingredient in an effective amount, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, for the treating or preventing human or mammal suffering from brain strokes and brain diseases, wherein the method comprises the steps of treating ginseng with acid solution and subsequent fermentation with lactic-acid bacteria.
- 2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said ginseng comprises the root, stem, petal, leaf, fruit and tissue cultivates thereof.
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said lactic acid bacteria belongs to Bifidobacterium genus or Lactobacillus genus bacteria.
- 5. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 4, wherein said lactic acid bacteria comprises at least one or the mixture thereof selected from the group consisting of *Bifidobacterium infantis*, *Bifidobacterium bifidum*, *Lactobacillus* lactis, Clostridium butyricum, Bifidobacterium K-103, Bifidobacterium K-506,

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Examiner: Clark, Amy Lynn Art Unit: 1655 Bifidobacterium K-513, Bifidobacterium K-525, Bifidobacterium KK-1 and Bifidobacterium KK-2.

6-12. (Cancelled)

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